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The District Penal System.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the present turmoil at the Capitol will not prevent full and prompt consideration of the report laid before the houses today by the President, embodying the result penal system conducted by the commission named under authority of an enact ment of last session. Judge Stafford, Mr. Edson and Mr. La Dow have produced a document of exceptional value, bearing not alone upon the immediate question of the jail in its deplorable lack of space and decent equipment, but upon the whole process of administering punishment for infractions of the law

For many years the people of Washington have been aware that the jail was disgracefully unequal to the demands upon it, and, as this report clearly states, responsibility for the conditions, which it

That men and women should be sent to these narrow and crowded cells, the tractor who put up the new District buildinnocent with the guilty, the first offender ing congratulated himself on the fact with the hardened criminal, in one pro- that the building did not sink before he miscuous assembly, to corrupt and be corrupted by each other, the lazy to be humored and fostered in their laziness, the industrious to be deprived of every form quate and will sustain the weight of the of employment, to be fed like beasts and superstructure indefinitely. maintained at the public charge not only with no prospect of improvement in their condition, but with the moral certainty that they will come out far worse than then went in, is a fact that has become a munity and ought to be felt as a shame and disgrace to the whole nation whose representatives are responsible for its

action is imperative, with the moral health of the community endangered. It pestilence were threatening the capital.

This is more than a duty to be at once grasped. The overcrowded jail, with its demoralizing mixture of untried and convicted persons, with its shameful lack of unity of plan which is essential in the decent provisions for the health of the evolution of the great capital Washington inmates, with its hopeless inadequacy of facilities for reviving the spark of manhood which smolders within the breast of even the most callous offender, is merely a symbol of the antiquated, cruel, wasteful processes of punishment which prevail here, at the seat of government of an enlightened people.

The report carries conviction by its eloquent plea for the establishment not merely of humane measures of detention, but of a truly corrective system of punishment. By probation and parole it is proposed to lessen the number of those who are required by the law to remain under close restraint and to offer to those who have offended a chance to redeem themselves, some of them immediately after conviction, others when they have in prison, reformatory or workhouse shown a sincere repentance and a dispo-

District of Columbia is, as the commission thinking about the horror. The news says, as a city set upon a hill. It should dispatches, which for a week or ten days in all particulars serve as a model for the held first place in the papers, have entire country, indeed for the world at shrunk to small proportions and now rate highest possible expression of the protective and corrective efforts of society. Therefore, in its contemplation of this but the earthquake has ceased to interest report, with its distinctly enunciated proposals, every one of which appeals to the reason as worthy of adoption, Congress will be considering virtually the penal problem as it affects the United States. thought is the result of the modern It could not be more effectively stated than it is set forth in this able paper, which discloses a depth of research and a clarity of thought rarely to be found in

No consideration of cost should deter Congress from quickly enacting the laws mendations of the commission, to whom it intrusted the task of ascertaining the capital's needs in respect to the treatment of its lawbreakers.

Some sleuth should be put to work to set the public at rest by showing that such frequent appearance through the country is an English sparrow in disguise.

Senator Knox is not a large man physically, but a man of small stature can identity of the next Postmaster General a good citizen. He wants to live by the drive an argument or a golf ball as far shows that Mr. Hitchcock's card index unwilling to contribute his share toward

Castro is said to be suffering from stomach trouble. It would take more

disposition.

The Secret Service.

There is no reason why the House should not have all the facts relating to the cost of the secret service. The inquiry ordered is entirely proper, and should be made thorough. Congress appropriates all money for the support of the government, and has a right to know if its directions and stipulations have been observed, or, if disregarded, why. The total amount for all purposes is enormous, and the secret service bills, at their largest, can be but a drop in the bucket. Still, as that particular fund is now under discussion, Congress and the country are

entitled to know all about it. It will be a mistake, however, if the inquiry should be permitted to take the form of a renewal of the controversy with the President. That chapter should remain closed. Surely the House has every reason to feel satisfied with the record as it stands. It was affronted by the President, and it replied with the proper spirit and dignity. It could not with justice to itself have remained silent, but it might an extreme in expressing its indignation.

tion heard on the other side. This proposition is probably not under the District, to hold there the encounters serious consideration. But it should not which they are forbidden to offer within even have been suggested. Such a con- this jurisdiction. The denial of wharf troversy, waged not for public ends but privileges will effectively stop this game. under the impulse of personal passion. would injure both sides. The greater the tion whether the pugilists, thus thwarted measure of their success, the more deplorable for the country. If it be admit- peditions from one of the states. The ted that there is dirty linen in the closet, it is to be said that it is not always ad- for them to defy the law here in the Disvisable-it does not always contribute to trict by openly starting their unwholethe public welfare-to wash dirty linen in some enterprises from the local wharves.

probably that will prevail—is to ascertain sought. where the secret service in a larger field than formerly may best be employed, and how much money will be necessary for its support. The subject is worthy the at- senatorial matter Wednesday. There are tention of Congress, and of prompt action. five candidates, with Mr. Kern in the Because the President befogged the mat- lead. Gov. Marshall will have no part in ter by his manner of presenting it is no the contest. It is rumored that Mr reason why the fog should not be dis- Bryan has in a quiet way spoken a good persed and the matter properly considered. Word for his recent running mate, but The fact stands revealed to us all that the particulars are wanting. Why not Mr. secret service has excellent uses far beyond the confines of its former employment, and should, so to say, be brought by express arrangement of Congress up to he fail this time he will probably go

Putting one in a hole is a game at which two may play; and when two aroused and angry contestants with public responsibilities indulge in it, the shindy is neither edifying nor helpful to the public. The House has an excellent opportunity to do a good piece of work, and should confine

Mall-Avenue Triangle Foundations. concerned there is no need of refutations No wonder he feels more or less independof the aspersions cast in the Senate last ent of a protective tariff. Friday on the security of the foundations of the Municipal building or other public they have been appealing to Congress for structures within the Mall-avenue tri- and determined these days to prevent a remedy for this evil. The commission angle. Nevertheless it is well that Con- their names from being used for advertisunhesitatingly ascribes to Congress the tractor Parsons has written a letter to ing purposes. Commissioner Macfarland, printed today. denying the statement of Senator Nelson in the debate to the effect that "the con-

got through with it." Mr. Parsons says

that he believes the foundations are ade-

It is to be borne in mind that the square now occupied by the Municipal building was the site of a great power house. The heavy engines that drew stench in the nostrils of the whole com- many of the cars of the Capital Traction system by cables were there located. and were operated for some years without the slightest trouble from unstable founda-The commission properly assumes that tions. The ground was "piled," to be this state of affairs must and will be sure, as is the case in practically every corrected. The question, it says, is not building erected in New York city today. up still higher in New York, on the same ground, because of a commercial necessity. Here the necessity to erect public buildings within the Mall-avenue triangle is neither commercial nor economical. There is plenty of room elsewhere. But this land is now the right place for the public structures of the future because to

> is destined to become. Extravagant exaggerations about the foundations within the triangle will not avail to impede the progress of this work of giving the government an adequate building equipment. The two houses of when they get quarrelsome." Congress are not to be frightened away from the adoption of a businesslike system of emplacements by the familiar old bugaboo of the "made land," the "an- sanity?" cient morass" or the "trembling foundations" of the area lying between the avenue and the Mall. The Municipal building and the post office, the National Museum, the State Department and all the other structures standing or soon to be erected within this space will remain stanch and safe for generations to come.

A Nine Days' Wonder.

Two weeks ago this morning an earthsition to acknowledge and conform to the quake shook down several large cities law. Under the system outlined by the and small towns, in Calabria and Siccommission there will be a wide range of ily, destroying, it is estimated, 200,000 penalties and warning, enabling the lives and property values amounting into courts in dispensing justice to protect the hundred millions. The whole world society both by visiting its enemies with paused in its normal activities to express condign punishment and by leaving open sympathy and to give generously of its the door of reform for those who may surplus for the relief of those who surbe rescued from the ways of evil living. vived the unprecedented cataclysm. Yet This is not simply a local matter. The today comparatively few Americans are large. Its prison system should be the with the ordinary tidings of the day's happenings. The collection of funds continues at a gratifying rate, to be sure, the readers of papers as acutely as it did a week ago.

This swift passing of a stupendous event into the perspective of the public's facilities for gathering and printing the news of the world. In a few hours after a great disaster has occurred it has been proclaimed in all the cities of the civilized world in full detail. Within a week it is thoroughly understood as to cause and effect, and the great machinery of public From the Jersey City Journal. charity has been set in motion for the succor of the afflicted. Then something to say the least, foolish. He will lose else occurs to shock the public, or to di- his money. The chances are about ninetyvert its attention, and the catastrophe becomes an item of history.

in for playwriting, he would probably on the haphazard course of events. There show the so-called theatrical syndicate bling in the stock market and gambling some financiering that would compel it to at roulette or faro. One is as hazardous

Uncle Sam's mind by proving once for all than dyspepsia to account for his bad that it is equal to the task of self-govern-

Reports indicate that Georgia's prohibition laws were not sufficient to put the inauguration day. The weather is nearly New Year resolution wholly out of busi-

The Russian government finds it hard to operate as an advertisement for his books.

Some of Tenneesee's night riders are now reflecting on the inadvisability of keeping

It will hardly be contended that an ideal secret service is one that has no secrets.

River Pugilism.

which the Commissioners are sending to venture to ask those New York consumers | Anti-Pain Pills are invaluable. the Capitol, authorizing them to refuse wharf privileges to boats on which prize fights are conducted. The laws now forbid puglism within the District, and they would be justified in defying the supreme are effectively enforced. But from time to time bruisers meet in Maryland, close to the District line, with only a pretense to the District line, with only a pretense to the District line, with only a pretense to the Legislature has enacted, and not \$1, as the monopoly holds to be drug store. of secrecy, and draw their supporting a proper charge? had it yielded to passion have gone to patronage from Washington. There is no direct means of preventing these spec-No delicate piece of business was ever tacles as long as the Maryland authori- From the Philadelphia North American. ties fail to act to enforce the state All talk about "putting somebody in a statutes. There is no ground for com- the odds of ridicule, money and political hole," whether indulged in by one side or plaint against Virginia in this respect, influence. Ir. Harvey W. Wiley has been the other, is unworthy of the occasion. since the rescue of Rosslyn from the grip the crusader for honesty and health,

"Let the House show up the President of the law-breaking element and the passand the cabinet in this business," is a ing of Jackson City. But the prize-fight suggestion heard on the one side. "Let promoters have lately grown bold enough the President use all the material he has, to adopt the expedient of carrying the and give names and dates," is a sugges- pugilists and spectators from Washington down the river, beyond the waters of It is not a matter of present considerawithin the capital area, start their exwork in hand is to make it impossible If this enactment does not put an end The proper purpose of this inquiry-and to the game additional legislation will be

Indiana. The Indiana legislature will take up the Kern? Few men have played in worse luck in politics, and yet his neighbors, of both parties, speak well of him. Should tried without success for the governorship and the vice presidency, what hope will be left him if he goes down now?

Care should be taken to prevent any such explosion as must occur in case a message from the White House, on its way along the avenue, should collide with senatorial response

Amounts given away by Mr. Carnegie As far as the people of Washington are last year foot up to nearly \$100,000,000.

Statesmen have to be exceeding alert

Another thing that might be done with ex-Presidents is to put them in charge of the secret service.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Rural Prosperity. "What you farmers want is uplifting,"

"That's right," answered Farmer Corntossel. "I've got a grand plano, steam heat and a private gas plant. Ali we want now is an elevator in the house.'

Growing Suspicious.

"You should remember that a public official is but a servant of his country." "Yes," answered young Mrs. Torkins, it aren't a few of them a little like Joyous Prospect.

We will not mind the mud and slush

Our dull complaints of wintry care;

The aviator bids us hush

When we can travel through the air! put them elsewhere would destroy the An Advantage. "Why do you prefer Italian grand opera

"Because," answered the impresario, 'not understanding their language, I don't have to pay so much attention to them

Signs Too Often Overlooked. "What are the first symptoms of in-

"Now a days," answered the alienist, 'the earliest symptoms seem to be a personal grievance and the purchase of a

Discouragement. allus was opposed to these here pessimistic folks

That used our leading citizens as topics fur their jokes.

When a man was crowned as leader fur the people out his way We ought to bow an' lift our hats; that's

what I used to say. But the things that they are sayin' 'bout | the idols of my dreams, The way that they ar hintin' round at

profitable schemes. Have left me so suspicious an' so hear I guess I'll never give three cheers fur

I've loved the rugged patriots whose speeches moved my voice To hours of demonstration. I have

risen to rejoice With vocal efforts 'most enough fur drownin' out the band That was patiently performin' "Hail Columbia, Happy Land!"

makes me shiver when so many ruthless hands are seen Stretched forth to snatch the laurel wreaths from foreheads once serene.

There's no predictin' what new disappointments are in store. I guess I'll never give three cheers fur no one any more!

Wall Street.

The man who gambles in Wall street is, nine to one against him. He is no more stocks-and that is what Wall street gambling really amounts to-than by bet-If John D. Rockefeller should really go ting on race horses, or on the weather, or as the other. All are equally immoral and exercise the same destructive influ-Confirmation of reports concerning the ence upon character. The gambler is not losses or misfortunes of others, and is the productive work of civilization.

From the Savannah News. Preparations are going forward in Washington for the inauguration of President-elect Taft, and all of the preparations are anticipating foul weather on always foul in Washington during the

early days of March. Snow, sleet and rain, with freezing temperature, have characterized a great many inauguration days, and a number of the prominent men rebuke Tolstoi in a way that will not of the country have caught their death of cold while attending the inauguration exercises. Several times it has been proposed that the date of the inauguration e changed to a more propitious season but we Americans are so wedded to our customs that not even the danger of pneu-

monia and death can drive us away from

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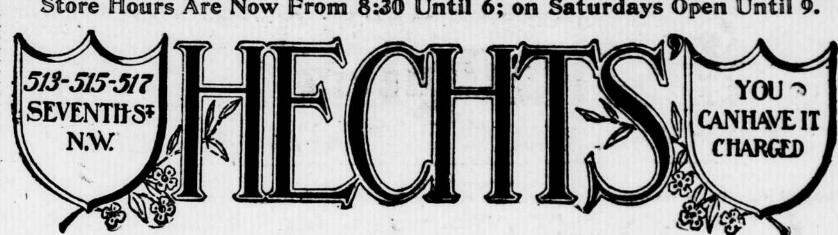
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